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Applicant(s): Charles J. Renz  
 Serial No.: 10/658,308  
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 Filed: September 9, 2003  
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 Art Unit: 3731  
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**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

We are enclosing an Amendment in response to the communication dated November 30, 2005 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$\_\_\_\_\_ to extend the time for filing this response until \_\_\_\_\_.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.


CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	17	Minus	31	0	x \$50.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2	Minus	3	0	x \$200.00	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE					x \$360.00 = \$	
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES					\$0.00	
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY					SN/A	

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 0.00 .

       A check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

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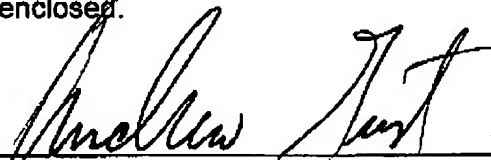
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated November 30, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.